REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicants have amended claims 47, 55, 57, 61, 62, 67 and 68. Accordingly, claims 47-68 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Examiner Objections - Claims

The Examiner renumbered claims 65-67 as 66-68 and objected to claims 47-68 due to informalities. The Applicants have amended the claims, as renumbered, to correct the informalities as suggested by the Examiner. The Examiner's approval of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

3.) Claim Rejections – Double Patenting

The Examiner rejected claims 47-68 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-2, 6-7, 9-10, 13, 15 and 16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,744,768. The present application and U.S. Patent No. 6,744,768 are commonly owned by the Assignee. Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (publ). The present application is a continuation application of U.S. Patent No. 6,744,768. An assignment, which assigns ownership to the Assignee of U.S. Patent No. 6,744,768 and all continuing applications, was recorded in the USPTO on November 18, 2002, at reel/frame 013497/0460.

The Applicants have filed a Terminal Disclaimer herewith to overcome this rejection. An authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1379 for the Terminal Disclaimer fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d) is enclosed.

4.) Prior Art Not Relied Upon

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the Applicants' disclosure. None of the cited references alone, or in combination, disclose the present invention.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 47-68.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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